

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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JOHN DOE,

Plaintiff,

v.

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT; JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL;  
BRUCE DINKINS; and JAMES JOHNSON,

Defendants

(JURY DEMAND)

CIVIL ACTION NO. A07CA 017SS

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

TO THE HONORABLE U.S. DISTRICT COURT:

Comes now, John Doe (Jeremy Howell), Plaintiff, and files this Original Complaint against Austin Independent School District, James Bowie High School, Bruce Dinkins, and James Johnson, as follows:

I. PARTIES

1. Jeremy Howell is an individual who resides in Austin, Travis County, Texas.
2. Defendant Austin Independent School District ("Austin ISD") is an independent school district located in Austin, Texas. Austin ISD can be served at 1111 W. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703.
3. Defendant James Bowie High School ("Bowie HS") is a school located in the Austin Independent School District. Bowie HS can be served by serving its principal, Stephen Kane, at 4103 Slaughter Ln., Austin, TX 78749.
4. Defendant Bruce Dinkins is an individual who resides in Texas. Dinkins can be served at 4103 Slaughter Ln., Austin, TX 78749.

5. Defendant James Johnson is an individual who resides in Texas. Johnson can be served at 4103 Slaughter Ln., Austin, TX 78749.

## II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This is a civil action seeking damages from Defendants for sexual discrimination in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 86 stat. 373, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-88 (1988).

4. This Court has jurisdiction under 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-88 and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question).

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Austin ISD and Bowie HS because at all times relevant to this lawsuit, they were located in Texas. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Dinkins and Johnson because at all times relevant to this lawsuit they resided in Texas. Venue is proper in this District since the Title IX violations complained of herein occurred in this District.

## III. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Jeremy Howell attended Bowie HS in the Austin ISD. James Johnson was hired by the Austin ISD to work as a contract band instructor at Bowie HS. Johnson sexually abused Jeremy. The band director and Johnson's supervisor, Bruce Dinkins, was aware of the risk and took no action to stop it.

## IV. COUNT I: TITLE IX VIOLATION

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 86 stat. 373, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, states:

(a) No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any

education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance[.]

Austin ISD and Bowie HS are education programs/activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Bruce Dinkins was the band director at Bowie HS, and James Johnson was a contractor teaching band at Bowie HS. In violation of the Title IX prohibition of discrimination based on sex, James Johnson sexually abused Jeremy at Bowie HS and other locations. Dinkins, the band director, had actual knowledge of the risk (because of direct and sexual inquiries by Johnson about Jeremy) posed by Johnson, a band teacher, to Jeremy, a student. Dinkins had the authority to prevent the abuse and failed to do so. He further failed to advise Jeremy or his parents of the risk and danger. Violation of Title IX by Austin ISD, Bowie HS, Bruce Dinkins, and James Johnson was the direct and proximate cause of damages to Jeremy Howell.

V. DAMAGES

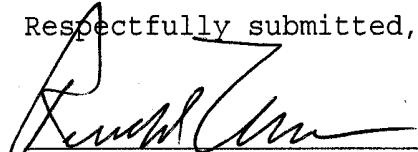
Because of Defendants' violations of Title IX, Plaintiff Jeremy Howell has incurred reasonable and necessary medical expenses in the past, and will continue to incur such in the future, and has suffered extreme mental anguish in the past that will continue in the future.

VI. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff requests that a jury be convened to try the factual issues in this cause.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Jeremy Howell demands judgment against defendants Austin Independent School District, James Bowie High School, Bruce Dinkins, and James Johnson for damages and for any other just relief.

Respectfully submitted,



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<b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> <b>DEPUTY CLERK</b>		<b>DEFENDANTS</b>				
John Doe		Austin Independent School District, James Bowie High School, Bruce Dinkins, and James Johnson				
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Travis</u> (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)		County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u>Travis</u> (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)				
(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)  Randal Mathis, Mathis & Donheiser, PC, 4600 Trammell Crow Center, 2001 Ross Ave, Dallas, TX 75201, 214-303-1919		NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.				
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<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an "X" in One Box Only)		<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)				
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Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  20 U.S.C. 1681						
<b>VI. CAUSE OF ACTION</b>		Brief description of cause: Title IX Violation				
<b>VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23		DEMAND \$	CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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